IN THE CLAIMS

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14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A wagering system comprising:

a wagering processor for processing wagers received from wagerers on wagering events selected from the group consisting of future race events and games, each said wager including a predicted outcome of at least one of the events and a bet amount associated with the predicted outcome;

wagers being placed preceding the start of the future race events or games;

a bet allocator in communication with the wagering processor for allocating each said bet amount amongst at least one of a plurality of parimutuel betting pools in accordance with the associated predicted outcome; and

a payout processor in communication with the wagering processor for facilitating payouts from the betting pools to winning ones of the wagerers in accordance with the predicted outcomes and actual outcomes of the events

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The wagering system according to claim 14, wherein the wagering processor comprises an indicia processor having an indicia correlation table associating indicia with participants of the events, each said indicia being associated with an activity selected from the group consisting of race events and games having rules for performance thereof, a wagering interface for receiving indicia selections from the

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wagerers, and an indicia processor in communication with the wagering interface and the indicia correlation table for deriving the predicted outcomes from the indicia selections in accordance with the rules.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The wagering system according to claim 15, wherein each said wagering event has a plurality of possible event outcomes and each said activity has a plurality of possible activity outcomes, and the indicia processor comprises an event outcome predictor for determining an event outcome probability associated with each said possible event outcome, an activity outcome predictor for and determining an activity outcome probability associated with each said possible activity outcome, and a probability correlator in communication with the event outcome predictor and the activity outcome predictor for deriving the predicted outcomes from the event outcome probabilities and the activity outcome probabilities.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The wagering system according to claim 15, wherein the wagering interface is configured for providing the wagerers with a template for facilitating performance of one of the activities in accordance with the associated rules, and for receiving the indicia selection via the template.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The wagering system according to claim 16, wherein the bet allocator comprises an activity correlation table associating each said betting pool with at least one of the activity outcomes, and an allocation processor in communication with the activity correlation table for allocating each said bet amount amongst the betting pools in accordance with the associated activity outcome probabilities.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The wagering system according to claim 16, wherein the payout processor comprises an event outcome receiver for receiving indications of the actual outcomes, an outcome correlator in communication with the event outcome receiver for identifying the winning wagerers from the received indications and the predicted outcomes, and a payout allocator in communication with the outcome correlator

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for allocating the credit amounts amongst the respective winning wagerers in accordance with each said respective predicted outcome.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for facilitating wagering on wagering events comprising the steps of:

receiving wagers in a processor from wagerers using electronic communication means on future wagering events, each said wager including a predicted outcome of at least one of the future events and a bet amount associated with the predicted outcome of the at least one future event;

the processor allocating each said bet amount amongst at least one of a plurality of parimutuel betting pools in accordance with the wager associated with the predicted outcome of the future event; and

the processor paying out credit amounts from the betting pools to winning ones of the wagerers in accordance with the predicted outcomes and actual outcomes of the events.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 20, wherein the step of receiving wagers comprises the steps of associating rules with at least one activity, each said activity being associated with indicia, associating the indicia with participants of the events in accordance with the set of rules, and for each said wager receiving a selection of the indicia, and deriving the associated predicted outcome from the indicia selection.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 21, wherein each said wagering event has a plurality of possible event outcomes and each said activity has a plurality of possible activity outcomes, and the step of associating the indicia comprises the steps of determining an event outcome probability associated with each said possible event outcome and determining an activity outcome probability associated with each said possible activity outcome, and associating the indicia with the participants in accordance with the event outcome probabilities and the activity outcome probabilities.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 21, wherein a game processor performs a step of automatically providing a wagering event outcome selection and the wagering processor receives a selection made by the game processor, the step of receiving a selection comprises the steps of the game processor providing a template for facilitating performance of one of the activities in accordance with the associated rules, and the wagering processor receiving the indicia selection via the template.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 22, wherein the step of allocating bet amounts comprises the steps of associating each said betting pool with one of the activity outcomes, and allocating each said bet amount amongst the betting pools in accordance with the associated activity outcome probabilities.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 23, wherein the step of allocating bet amounts comprises the steps of associating each said betting pool with one of the activity outcomes, and allocating each said bet amount equally amongst the betting pools.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 23, wherein the payout step comprises the steps of receiving indications of the actual outcomes, correlating the received indications with the predicted outcomes to identify the winning wagerers, associating each said winning wagerer with at least one of the betting pools in accordance with each said respective predicted outcome, and for each said betting pool allocating the credit amounts amongst the respective associated winning wagerers.

SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

1. Claims 14-26 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Mir (US Patent No. 6,450,887).